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D.C. Rent Control Hearings At PIRG To Show Tenant Study

by Mark Schleifstein
Asst. News Editor

The D.C. Public Interest Research Group (PIRG) has been working on a city-wide survey of housing conditions in D.C. to present before the D.C. City Council rent control hearings Jan. 18 and 19.

The hearings are a result of a law recently passed by Congress that allows the D.C. City Council to set rent control regulations after hearings are held.

PIRG Research Director Randy Swisher said, "The city-wide tenant survey is aimed at developing information on rent increases, housing conditions, security problems, and tenant associations. The information generated by the survey will provide a basis for data to be used by the City Council for making policy decisions."

With the assistance of Dr. Ira Sissen of the GW Sociology Department, PIRG and WAFTA (the Washington Area Federation of Tenant Associations) chose a scientifically selected sample of 400 different housing units. The units were chosen from various blocks in 80 different census tracts that make up the city.

"The ostensible reason for the hearing is rent control," said Swisher, "but we're concerned about much more than that."

Swisher sees the rent control issue as only one part of the complete housing picture in the District. "Rent control by itself will not be effective," he said.

Jim Vitarello, PIRG Director, explained in the PIRG newsletter of Dec. 10: "We could lower rents all over this city and still not change the long range position of tenants. Rent control only makes sense when seen as part of a comprehensive recognition of tenant rights."

The enabling legislation that

calls for the City Council hearings is itself in part due to the efforts of PIRG. PIRG and WAFTA both testified before the Senate District Committee in favor of the legislation, and PIRG drafted three amendments to the bill that were eventually adopted.

One called for equal representation by landlords and tenants on the Rent Commission formed by the bill. Another provided the power of subpoena to the Commission, and a third called for an appropriation of \$85,000 in federal funds toward the cost of administering rent control.

The bill did not enact rent control, but rather gave local government the power to do so.

PIRG has three other projects on tap for this spring in the housing and land use area. The first, which deals with housing conservation, focuses on the legal and economic problems holding back progress on homesteading within the city, re-ownership, and tax incentives for property rehabilitation.

Another project will be a study of reverse blockbusting. It will examine the change of District neighborhoods from Black and low income to relatively affluent and white, as old townhouses are bought and renovated by private renewal.

Reverse blockbusting, according to a PIRG report, forces low and moderate income residents from their homes and apartments with little warning, compensation or legal protection, and with few possibilities of finding an adequate replacement.

The objectives of this project are to investigate the extent of reverse blockbusting in the Capitol Hill area, reviewing the practices of realtors and the effects on the community and its residents, according to PIRG. It will also attempt to determine whether realtor tactics

violate local or Federal laws, or realtors' codes of ethics, as well as suggest remedies through the courts, local action, planning policy, and, if necessary, new legislation.

The third is a long-term project beginning this spring in Fairfax County. The project will monitor Fairfax County sewer development planning under the 1972 Federal Water Pollution Control Act (FWPCA) and other Federal laws to determine compliance with their requirements.

Participants will also monitor Fairfax County's observance of Virginia state law and its own ordinances concerning water pollution and rezoning.

Student volunteers of various disciplines are needed for all of these projects.

Proposed Budget Runs in the Red

by Anders Gyllenhaal
Editor-in-Chief

The GW Budget Committee approved Monday a 1974-75 general operating budget proposal that projects a deficit of \$318,000. The Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees will review the proposal tomorrow before sending it to the full Board for final approval on January 17.

The deficit budget, the first for GW in more than 20 years, is a sign of the increasing financial troubles of the University.

Initial budget plans for the coming fiscal year projected that income would cover expenses. But the unexpected energy crisis, increased social security benefits, and increased unemployment compensation rate for the District of Columbia brought added costs of \$600,000 to an already austere budget plan, according to Director of Planning and Budgeting William D. Johnson.

President Lloyd H. Elliott said in an interview, "We won't be able to cover all those (costs) with the current policy. There just isn't that much money." Elliott said that the deficit would be covered by "reserve funds," endowment funds that are not restricted, which the Board of Trustees has the authority to allocate.

The energy crisis increased maintenance costs by \$200,000, according to Johnson. A new law, which provides additional social security benefits effective January 1, requires increased social security taxes. The University must match the social security taxes of its employees, he said.

Unemployment compensation for D.C. has increased "fairly sharply in the last year," said Johnson, adding that the University must provide the District government with funds for former GW employees on compensation.

These three factors, all unanticipated two months ago, forced the Budget Committee to up the proposed total budget from \$49,987,000 to more than \$50,500,000 and propose an deficit budget.

The Budget Committee is composed of Elliott, Johnson, several vice-presidents and Comptroller Frederick Naramore.

Elliott said he thought the Trustees would accept the proposed deficit for a year or two as long as it was small, as long as the reserve funds were available, and if a reverse away from deficit spending could be accomplished.

He added however that there were alternatives that either the Finance Committee or the full Board of Trustees could take, and that the budget could be changed. He stressed that the budget at this point is only a "proposal and recommendation," and that the Trustees would make the final decision. Elliott did not specify what the alternatives were.

The current budget problems are largely due to a decrease in full-time undergraduate students and the resultant drop in tuition revenue, coupled with an average salary increase of five and a half per cent for GW employees for the coming year.

Tuition revenue is expected to cover 75 per cent of the budget, with the rest coming from unrestricted gifts, endowment income and sponsored research projects, according to Johnson.

The salary increases are the result of a recent study by the Hayes Associates. The study made recommendations to update the University's salary and classification system to be more in line with area competition from government and business.

Elliott said he thought the "turnabout" from deficit budgeting is possible, but it depends on enrollment. "The unknown is the immediate future is the number of full-time undergraduates," he said. If there is an upward trend, he added, "it would be a tight budget, but it would be a more promising budget."

"If our projections (of continued enrollment decrease) prove to be correct, we are certainly in for three or four years of very austere budgeting," Elliott said, adding that it could mean cuts in wages, salaries, and all levels of funding.

In the long range, GW is "strongly situated. We can compete," he said. "This doesn't mean that George Washington can look the same 10 years from now as it does now," said Elliott.

"One thing we are sure of is unless there is a change in undergraduate

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Parking Garages Shuffled Again; Kennedy Center Shuttle Started

The beginning of the spring semester once again adds the parking lot shuffle to early term worries for many students.

The Colonial Garage located at 2119 L St., last semester's addition to the University's collection of parking lots, will not be available for student use this semester. Instead, students will be able to use the Kennedy Center lot on a large scale and have shuttle service to campus.

"The Colonial contract was such that we paid whether we used the lot or not," said Joseph Mello, director of Parking Services. Payment at the Kennedy Center will be on a student by student basis, he said.

Parking is available at the Kennedy Center from 6 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. All student cars must be out of the garage by 7:30 p.m. Students should enter the garage from New Hampshire Ave. and at the south end of the Kennedy Center. When leaving the "spit" ticket (that's the one from the noisy machine at the entrance) and the student ticket are given to the attendant.

Two shuttle buses will carry students between campus and the Kennedy Center every 15 minutes from

8 a.m. to 7:15 p.m. The pick-up and delivery point on campus is in the southeast corner of the New Parking Garage which can be entered on 22nd St.

The Kennedy Center pick-up and delivery point is at the "B" level entrance at the south end of the Center. Signs will be posted to indicate exact pick-up and delivery points.

Asked if the parking situation had changed on campus, Mello said, "The problem's are going to be the same. The garage on campus will fill up, there's no question about that."

Director of Business Affairs John C. Einbinder said that there were other reasons for the switch in lots as well.

"Last year, when it got darker earlier, we heard from women students who were concerned about security measures. One of the advantages of having all the parking at one place was that we could use the shuttle buses to add to the security," he said.

"We also had complaints about getting in and out at certain times at the Colonial lot. The Kennedy Center was an all around better deal," Einbinder said.

Cochairmen Selected

Pub. Aff. Head Impeached

by Scott Bliss

Hatchet Staff Writer

The Program Board (PB) voted on Dec. 6 to remove Robert Thiem from the office of public affairs chairperson. Freshmen Alan Cohen and David Mabo, two members of Thiem's committee, have been selected to assume the office pending approval by the full Board this evening.

PB Treasurer Jeff Leiter, in introducing the motion for removal, cited the lack of political programming last semester and Thiem's inability to respond to advice from other PB members as the major difficulties with public affairs programming on campus.

Thiem, in response to these charges, explained that he had encountered difficulties in his programming attempts because he was working with a reduced budget.

In addition, he pointed to the reluctance of governmental speakers to appear on campus because of the Watergate scandals, and also charged Board Chairman Scott Sklar with failure to advise him on the Board's expectations for the Public Affairs Committee.

After a lengthy debate on the charges and countercharges, the Board voted for Thiem's removal, mustering exactly the two-thirds of its total voting membership needed for impeachment. This was the first case of the Program Board's removing a member in the history of the Board.

Sklar, commenting on the removal, said, "I feel that the actions we

took will improve political affairs programming, and, as Program Board chairperson, that's my main concern."

Sklar feels confident that there will be no difficulty in securing approval of Cohen and Mabo. "Both David and Alan have an aggressive approach to public affairs programming, and that's exactly what has been lacking in the past," Sklar said.

Cohen, in discussing plans for programming this semester, spoke of his hope that more programming could be moved into the dormitories, particularly Thurston Hall. Also planned for this semester are a legislative series and a diplomatic

series as well as the possibility of bringing some big political names to the school.

The possibility of bringing more famous political figures to campus hinges on the transfer of funds from other committees on the Board to the Public Affairs Committee, Cohen said.

Reviewing the problems with political programming in the past, Cohen said, "I think Bob was expecting too much from his committee members, expecting them to devote as much time as he did to programming. Hopefully, we'll be able to overcome this and present high quality political programming on campus this semester."

New Courses For Spring Semester

Two undergraduate courses in philosophy are among the new course offerings in Columbian College this spring semester.

Prof. William B. Griffith will teach Philosophy 101: Logic, Scientific Inference and Legal Argument, meeting on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:10-2:25 and open to all students without prerequisite.

The course will complement Philosophy 121: Introduction to Symbolic Logic, but will emphasize practical skills of logical analysis. Students will learn to recognize and evaluate fundamental argument forms which they encounter in a

wide range of their studies.

Associate professor of American history, Dr. Linda Grant DePauw, along with guest lecturers from other GW departments, will present a new history course, "Women in America" (History 185). DePauw described the course as one of the missing elements needed to make American history a "people's story."

Under the sponsorship of the Office of Experimental Humanities, Griffith has also developed a new course on the subject of economic justice, entitled "Ethics and Economic Policy" (Experimental Humanities 182).

The course will examine how justly U.S. citizens share in the product of our economy. The first half of the course will deal with alternative philosophical theories of justice, with readings from both classical and contemporary theorists. The second half, featuring several outside speakers, will discuss economic facts and theories of distribution and the interaction of the concept of justice with other ethical values.

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No Safety Violations
In Center Black-outby Jim Thomas
Hatchet Staff Writer

A blown fuse in the main incoming feeder, the electrical transformer which feed the Center, Dec. 17 was not in violation of any safety codes or regulations, according to Joseph Downard, Operations Foreman for the GW Physical Plant department.

The shorted fuse resulted in no injuries or property damage, but did knock out Center electricity and about "85-90 per cent" of the Center's heating and cooling facilities, Downard said. An emergency system was employed to restore lighting. The problem was located between 4 and 5 p.m. that afternoon and all Center services were ready for normal operation the following day.

Center Director Boris C. Bell said the blown fuse was apparently caused by leaking water coming through cracks in walls and the ceiling from a parking garage on the floor above the electric transformer. Melting snow from the hoods and tops of incoming cars in the garage was the source of the water, Bell said.

The leakage problem was eliminated by sealing the cracks and covering them with plastic. Bell said the 3000 amp blown fuse was "not a household type. It's a kind of fuse that you don't keep in stock, but have to order."

Downard said the incident was "not an everyday occurrence, but within the realm of normality." At the time of the short-circuit, Physical Plant engineers considered calling Pepco for assistance, but did not, as the problem concerned the Center transformer and not Pepco transformers located outside the Center under the street. However, a private contractor was called in to assist.

Bell discounted the possibility that the December short-circuit was related to a similar incident which occurred approximately 18 months ago. On June 18, 1972 GW Physical Plant electrician Jeremiah "Eddie" Stallings was killed and two other GW employees—Physical Plant Foreman Duane Rush and mechanic Donald Martin—received severe burns in an explosion while testing out the same Center main electric panel for a voltage problem.

The same type of fuse which backfired last month also short-circuited as a result of the 1972 explosion. According to Bell, Stallings in some way drew a "lightning bolt" type arc while attaching a voltage testing apparatus to the panel. This produced a jump of current between the terminals of the device.

Bell agreed with Downard in stating that no safety violations were involved in the December incident. "Our University engineers are concerned with all GW buildings. They check heating and ventilation on a preventative basis," he added.

5 Elected to Fac. Senate

The Columbian College faculty elected five of its members to the 1974-75 Faculty Senate at its meeting Monday.

Professors John A. Morgan, Jr., Stefan O. Schiff, Lois G. Schwoerer, Edwin L. Stevens, and Reuben Wood each attained a majority vote and were selected as Columbian College representatives, according to Dean Calvin D. Linton.

Morgan, associate professor of political science and public affairs, has been on the GW faculty since

1964. He is currently in his second term as a member of the Executive Committee of the Senate.

Schiff, associate professor of biology, has been a member of two Senate committees in addition to serving as a Columbian College representative in 1971-72. He joined the GW faculty in 1964.

Schwoerer has been a member of the Faculty Senate since 1972 and has chaired the Commission on Equal Opportunity since its inception in January, 1973. An associate professor of history since 1968, she has been at GW since 1964.

Stevens has been chairman of the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate four times and has served several terms as a Senate member. He joined the faculty in 1947 and has been a professor of speech since 1960.

Wood, who has served in the Senate from 1962 to 1972, is a professor of chemistry. For three and a half years he was chairman of the Executive Committee.

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Hospital Impasse Still Not Solved

by Linda Moody
Asst. News Editor

Over seven weeks after the initial demonstration by GW Hospital workers demanding union representation, an impasse still exists between hospital workers and union representatives, on one hand, and the hospital administration on the other.

Workers wishing to affiliate with the Hospital and Nursing Home Union, Local 1199, first demonstrated in Hospital Administrator Donald C. Novak's office on Nov. 19, though hospital worker Wilbert Pulliam says interest in the union began among workers in April, 1972.

According to Hospital Personnel Director Mal Shivar, the hospital administration refused to hold an election which would permit workers to choose the union as their bargaining representative because "we have no evidence that the majority want the election."

Shivar stated it is up to the employees to find a method of demonstrating majority support for the election. "There are many methods.... I don't know which method would be chosen," Shivar said, "but the wishes of the employees will prevail. They always have."

Shivar said he would not necessarily discourage the workers from staging another demonstration to show their support for the union. "An employee or any citizen has a right to do whatever they want to do as long as they don't interfere with the rights of others," he said. Shivar further stated, "I have no anti-union sentiments."

Worker's spokesman Pulliam said, "At this point I'm not sure what would satisfy the administration." Pulliam explained the workers had already offered to turn union cards signed by pro-union workers over to a third party who could count the cards and release the number to the administration as proof that a majority of the employees were involved. The hospital administration refused to accept this plan, according to Pulliam.

Pulliam said, "On one hand, sentiment is rising [among the workers]... and on the other hand, some people are afraid. The University has really pulled the scare tactics."

Union Organizer Herb Quinn said a Community Support Group meeting, planned for last night, was organized to create community sentiment for the workers and to promote financial support for the 24 workers who were fired after the last demonstration on Nov. 30. "These people need help to survive," he said.

Pulliam said the workers' organizing committee would be having a side meeting to make their own plans. "We are just reorganizing to mobilize the workers," he said. Their immediate goals are to push for reinstatement of the fired workers, and to get workers who signed their union cards over a year ago to re-sign so that the cards will be considered current, he explained.

The quad stands empty now, but spring semester will underway on Monday. [Photo by Mark Babushkin]

Early Organizing

Boards Plan for March Election

Elections for next year's Program and Governing Boards will be held in March according to an agreement prepared by the two bodies. The agreement also establishes an Elections Committee to oversee the elections.

But according to Program Board Chairman Scott Sklar, the approach to elections in the past has been "slipshod." Sklar explained, "Several years ago we even had to do the entire elections over. This year we're organizing and planning far in advance in order to have

good elections."

The reason the elections are being held in early March, Sklar said, is to give the senior members of the Program Board time to train the new members. In past years the elections were held in April.

The Program Board and the Governing Board have each appointed three members to the six-man Elections Committee. The Committee is to draw up rules for the elections by Jan. 25 and the rules must be approved by both Boards by Feb. 6.

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enrollment we will follow the trend towards more and more graduate students and programs," he said.

Elliott said one encouraging factor was that applications from next year's freshmen class are up. "Whether or not this continues, gains, or changes is one of the big unknowns," he added.

Admissions Director Joseph Y. Ruth confirmed there is a substantial increase in applicants over last year at this time. There are 1844 applications to last year's 1457, but Ruth said it was still too early to draw any conclusions. "It's very encouraging, but I wouldn't spend any money on it," he said, adding, these increases "could be wiped out in a month."

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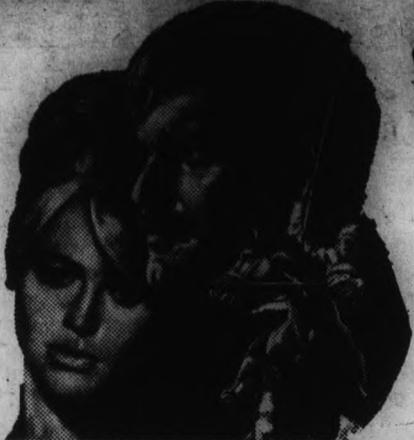
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Tighter Conservation Eases GW Shortage

The story of the energy crisis just made the headlines, last fall, but according to Director of Physical Plant Robert Burch GW has been on a utilities conservation program for the last two years.

"We first started conserving fuel to save money," said Burch, "but now its cloaked in patriotism, mom, apple pie and the rest... and besides utilities, conservation is good business. With this new shortage," he added, "we have just increased our conservation."

Even though the big energy savings and conservation measures must be through the efforts of the physical plant, Burch said, "we need all the help we can get." In the larger buildings the thermostats and the lights are controlled by a computer in the Medical Center, but "in the smaller buildings and in the dorms, it's up to the individuals who live or work there."

"Everyone has been responding beautifully," Burch said. "The thermostats are on 68 degrees during the day and are set as low as they can go (which in most cases is 55 degrees) when persons leave the buildings for the day."

"The way the heat loss is working now," he said, "when workers enter the building in the morning the real temperature is still 60 degrees even though the thermostat is set on 55."

"If we ever have 15 degree temperatures and a 30 mile per hour wind," Burch said, "the heat loss will be such that workers will have a 55 degree building when they come in that will take about two hours to heat up to 68."

"In the dorms, some students don't use their radiator, and instead rely on the heat from other rooms and from the pipes that cross the room," Burch said.

One major conservation move was the lowering of the hot water temperature in classroom and administrative buildings from 120 to 105 degrees and in the dorms from 140 to 120 degrees.

Burch said, "There is no savings in lowering the hot water temperature except during the off-peak hours when there is less demand for hot water. At that time, it takes less fuel to keep the water at 120 degrees than it does to keep it at 140 degrees."

"There will be no savings during peak periods," Burch continued, "because if a person takes a shower with 140 degree hot water available, he will use a little hot water... but with 120 degree water, the person uses more hot water."

GW Speech Chairman Dies

George Francis Henigan, Jr., 58, chairman of the Speech and Drama Department at GW, died Saturday, Dec. 8, at Fairfax Hospital after a heart attack.

Henigan directed the debate program at GW from 1948 to 1972, during which the debate teams qualified 16 times for the National Debate Tournament.

He served on the board of governors of Sigma Rho-Tau Kappa Alpha, national honorary forensic fraternity. He was a former member of the governing board of the Center and served on the Student Publications Committee.

Henigan also served on the Steering Committee for an All-University Assembly and was a member of Omicron Delta Kappa, a men's leadership honorary society.

Leland W. Parr, 81, medical educator and microbiologist at the GW School of Medicine died Dec. 15. Parr joined the GW faculty in 1932 and served as head of the bacteriology department from 1938 to 1958.

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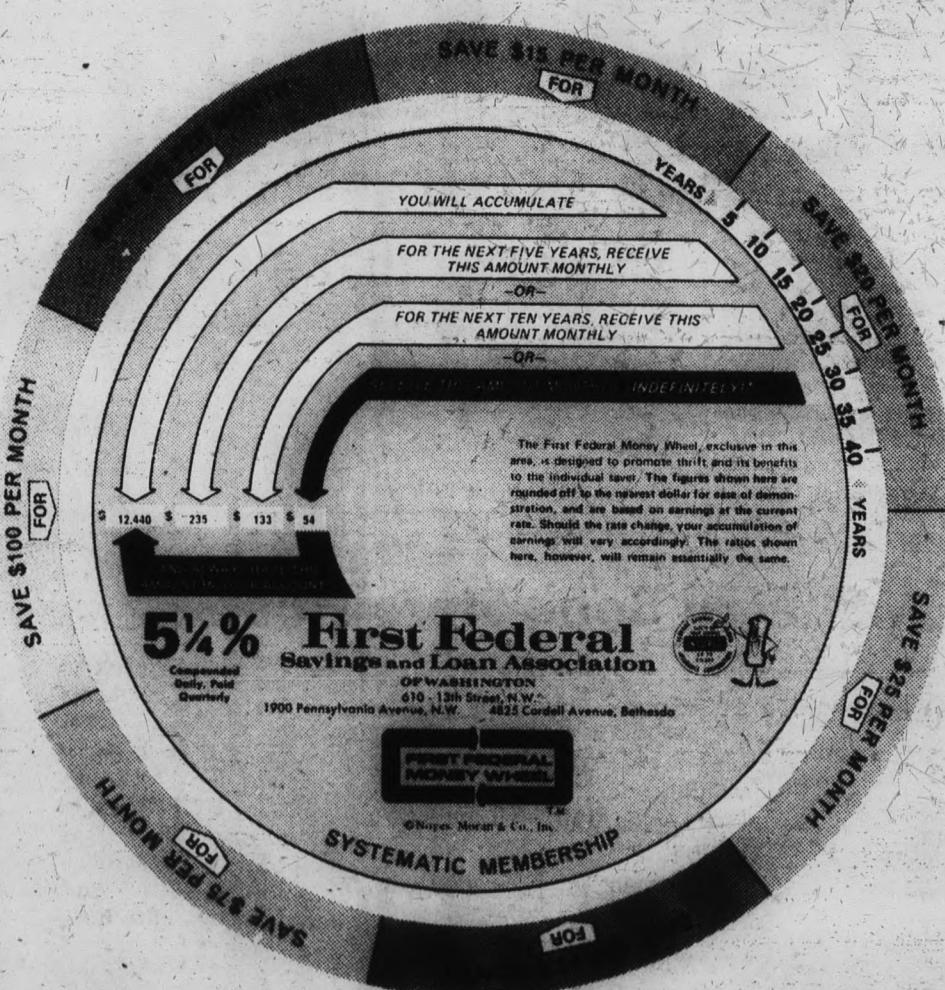
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Editorials

A Question of Leadership

As the new semester begins, we think it appropriate to comment on the caliber of programming GW witnessed last fall, and what is in store for this spring.

Students have a right to expect many quality programs judging from past years and the location of this school, but last semester was an overall disappointment. There was a long series of successful arts programs, and there were movies. But in the long run the Program Board just did not make it.

A minor issue arose over the failure of certain chairpersons and their inability to produce. This has hopefully been resolved with the expected appointments of two new members of the Board. (see story p. 2) But the Program Board should be aware that very few students are interested in the internal problems of the Board. Most members of the University community want results.

Perhaps the central issue in this problem is one of leadership. Chairperson Scott Sklar illustrated last year that he and his Board were capable of high quality programming. But so far this year something has been missing. Perhaps the facts that Mr. Sklar has a full-time job, is away from GW during the day, and in general has his hand in many more things than the Program Board are the answer.

A Program Board chairperson has one major responsibility—to program. It is of course Mr. Sklar's business if he wants to hold down a full-time job on the side (so to speak) as long as he fulfills his duties as chairperson. But if he does not fulfill his responsibilities, it is everybody's business.

However, it is difficult to see how a chairperson who is up on Capitol Hill during the entire day can provide the leadership that is essential to run effectively a Board involving as many people and responsibilities as his does, particularly when he becomes involved in every campus issue from AUA to the Library dedication.

But this is a new semester, and things can change. Certainly with all the capable students on the Program Board, most of whom now have at least a full semester's experience, and with Mr. Sklar devoting all his spare time to leadership and programming, GW will begin seeing the quality programs it deserves.

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The Making of a Recluse

by Mark Leemon

Having a job which requires exposure to the public can make a recluse out of anyone. Although, in my case, most of the people who come to or call the *Hatchet* Business Office are tolerable (and very often likeable) it only takes one hyper-aggressor to deal my day a deadly blow. While the tiny (thank god) minority of these people have not yet driven me out of my mind, they have prompted me to pass up the elevators for the back stairs.

The following true-story dialogue will illustrate. I picked up the phone one day early last semester. "Hello, *Hatchet*," I said.

"You've ruined me!" came the shrill reply.

"Excuse me?"

"You jerks at American University have fucked me over for the *last time*." The initial squeal subsided into a lower octave of loathing.

"This is George Washington," I said with relief.

"Oh gee, I dialed the wrong school." With that the phantom hung up.

Most of these people (who have driven me to avoid gatherings of more than three people) have not been advertisers. There are, however, several hard-driving, bill-shirking clients of ours who have inspired a few migraines in their own right.

One remarkable debtor (or "deadbeat", as our subscription attorneys are fond of saying) has owed us \$140 for over two years. She is the corpulent owner of a fast food emporium. When harassed about her bill she would respond with one of her favorite phrases: "Sue me."

We did just that and won our case in small claims court, but were totally outclassed in the end since this elusive lady refused the court order and had no obviously lienable property. "Your could rent an armed US marshal at \$50 an hour," our rent-an-attorney suggested. But the specter of a shootout over a lunchtime cash register was too much. We blinked first.

Then, of course, there is that group of advertisers we call "the discounters," people who are masters of sleight-of-hand bookkeeping. One restaurant mogul took out a series of ads—all of which we typeset and even loaned to other area schools as a favor to this guy.

When he finally paid he gave himself an "agency discount" (which in theory only legitimate agencies who make their own finished copy are allowed to take), a "prompt payment discount" (which was a new one on me), and a "cash discount" (which I never did figure out since he paid by check).

I reserve my strongest feelings, however, for a group of subtle souls who would probably never dream of advertising. We call them "the screamers" viz., those generally very angry people who vent their wrath on the business office because the *Hatchet* ran an ad they

didn't approve of. A classic member of this group ruined one day late last semester.

It started with a ringing phone. A man's voice asked for the ad department. Once assured that he had the right person, he posed an all-too-familiar question: "How much is a two inch ad?" This was obviously someone who did not have a very firm grip on the axioms of advertising, since ads are measured in two dimensions. I finally determined that the man wanted the price of a one column by two inch ad. "Six dollars," I eventually figured.

"Well boy," the voice surged with a startling intensity. "Your are taking some chance for six dollars!"

"Excuse me?"

"You know what I mean," the voice continued. "The ad right here in your paper—this termpaper ad." (The word "termpaper" was supercharged with emotion.) "You are wrecking this University," he continued. "Does the Faculty Senate know about this?" It seemed that here was a GW instructor who had only just noticed an ad which had run since the semester's first issue.

I tried to tell him that while the paper's editorial position has consistently been against surrogate scholarship, the staff voted to accept such ads for reasons of freedom of speech: i.e., on the theory that we should treat all advertisers alike (even cheating-boosters) since who is to say that they don't have the same rights as, for example, the US Marine Corps?

Somewhere in the middle of my discourse the man interrupted with "That's the most scurrilous argument I've ever heard. Goodbye!" and slammed down his phone.

I generally react to most acts of hostility and/or aggression with a well chosen vulgarity or two but very little real emotion. A slammed phone, however, goes deep to the roots of my personal neurosis and I responded with a rage by throwing the nearest thing at hand (which happened to be a typewriter ribbon I had been trying to coax into one of the office machines) as hard as I could. The ribbon missed the office wall, flew out the door and self-destructed against another door before unravelling the length of the hall. I was immediately seized with remorse (at having destroyed a \$1.14 ribbon) and followed after my wayward missile with every intention of removing the remains. Standing outside the door was our friendly Director of Student Activities whose rather funny line "I see you found the typewriter ribbons" signalled a major setback in my attempts at projecting a professional image. That's the business world, I guess. This semester I'll have to work on my aim.

[Mark Leemon is the *Hatchet* Business Manager]

Registration Treachery

by Kim-Andrew Elliott

While this issue of the *Hatchet* is being distributed, students at the George Washington University are taking part in the semi-annual ritual of registration.

Registering for spring semester classes is a process that can make the strongest person weep—the infinite series of checkpoints, the meandering lines of scholars that seem to have no beginning and no end, the hassles, the foulups, the red tape, all sadistically capped off by the forced surrender of exorbitant fees to pay for the privilege of obtaining a grade average two-tenths of a point too low to be admitted to law school.

Some students have been known to survive registration. But these Days of Grief are becoming more and more difficult to stomach. The main reason for this is the increasing feeling among students that standards of ethics and common decency have no place in the academic world. "All's fair in love, war, and college," is the motto of the growing Machiavellian school of scholars. And registration is an excellent place to begin a career of educational mischief.

At GW, the system for enrolling in classes is to journey to the registration rendezvous of each department and secure computer cards for each desired course. In too many cases, there are more students wanting to take a course that there are positions available. For this reason, it is advantageous to be near the front of the various lines in order to ensure a seat in a certain popular class.

The old method of getting a good place in the line for those sought-after courses was to bring a sleeping bag and a good book (or better yet several books) and wait for a number of hours until the registration officially opened. Others who did not bother to wait would have to take their places at the end and hope for the best.

However, those days of scruples are dying out, as is the concept of taking one's place at the end of the line. The New Breed has different ideas. There are sinister methods for getting into History 182 (or whatever) without standing in formation for an eternity. Two of the most popular systems are:

The Old Friend—A student approaches the registration line and finds that the end is somewhere in the lobby of the Kennedy Center. Suddenly he spies a person near the front of the line whom he met three years ago at a party. A conversation is started, although he doesn't remember his name, and he is in line.

The Alternate Line—Another shameless student sees that the procession waiting for a certain department to start enrolling wanders down the left side of a corridor, down five flights of stairs, down G Street to the Executive Office Building, around the White House, ending finally at the entrance to Constitution Hall. Using his evil genius, the student simply places himself on the right side of the corridor leading to the registration—in effect he is unilaterally starting a new line. Other students see advantage in the shorter line and rally behind the culprit. Soon there are two lines, and when the registration begins, there is conflict, often bloody, between the two competing hordes of scholars.

When the forces of wickedness infect the registration line, what is a decent person to do? Is an education at George Washington worth fighting for? Good God, no way; I would rather be goosed by a piledriver. Actually, it is the principle of the thing. Furthermore, with the highly structured requirements at GW, the loss of one vital course to a campus jackal could result in the destruction of a meticulously planned semester. This could make a person want to

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Problems of the Presidency

by Brad Manson

In a very real way Richard Nixon is not totally responsible for the scandals now known as Watergate; a great deal of the blame lies with the public, the media and Congress. Sure, Nixon is and should be held accountable for the multitude of illegal acts executed by those working in his behalf and it is even probable that within the mire the House Judiciary Committee will find impeachable offences performed by Mr. Nixon himself.

But the problem of the Presidency as an institution, which is the real culprit behind Watergate, will remain well after Nixon leaves office unless serious thought is given to the future of that institution and its operation with the three initially established coequal branches of government.

Any student of the Presidency knows that the modern history of active Presidents since FDR has been a story of the accretion of power from the Congress to the Executive Branch, and specifically the Executive Office of the President. Actually, the demands of the office have been too much for one man for many years before FDR. Taft left office a broken man in 1912; Wilson suffered a stroke while trying to sell his League of Nations and died a bitter man; Harding's story and the Teapot Dome are well known, with Calvin Coolidge taking office in 1923 and leaving in '28 happy to get out of politics; FDR died in office and his health declined rapidly during the war when he often had dictatorial powers; Truman left office with his public opinion rating the lowest in history; Eisenhower let the country sleep, but Kennedy was assassinated. Johnson driven from office over Vietnam and Nixon facing possible impeachment.

The pattern began long ago. The public wants and demands certainty and security from its government, but it also expects this security quickly; there will be no long public debate on the pros and cons of an issue when the people's psychological security is at stake. This may not change, because it is one of the

essential functions of government, but the natural by-product of it is that the President and the Presidency is given an awesome burden. No one man or institution should have to shoulder that responsibility; it is even doubtful that a truly objective analysis of the problem can occur within the one branch, i.e. witness Vietnam (Fitzgerald's *Fire in the Lake* and Halberstam's *The Best and the Brightest*) and Watergate.

As the people continue to look to one man or one office for the answers, the press realizes that this is where the people want the answers to come from and they look to the President for the statement. The factors compound themselves and the President is the one responsible for immediate decisions and, consequently, will take the brunt of bad decisions.

To some extent, this situation will not and should not change; the people still elect a President, and they have a right to expect him to take an active role in decisions, be an initiator of policy and a spokesman for the government.

But the President should begin to rely on other elected officials in Congress, the Statehouses and local areas for aid in decisions. It needs to be the government's policy and action, not just the Presidents'. If change of this sort does not occur, we can look for more Watergates' and Vietnam-like situations in the future because the social and international issues the government has to deal with are not getting fewer but much greater.

The essence of Presidential power, as well stated by Richard Newstadt in *Presidential Power*, is also the public's check on a Presidents behavior. If the man has to persuade he must have prestige and public support, if he lacks this, his ability to persuade will diminish and his power also. But if the President is isolated, as George Reedy asserts in *The Twilight of the Presidency*, his need to persuade is also diminished. If the public looks to him for the answer, and the over-powering burdens of the office encompass him with all of the

regalia that surround the Presidency, his need to persuade is diminished because he can govern by edict and the issuance of policy. When the President in isolation tries to persuade, as Nixon did with Cox-Richardson-Ruckleshaus, the two obviously clash. The result of his being uncertainty and insecurity for the public, once again as witnessed over Vietnam and Watergate.

If the public desires effective government in the future it must rely and expect more from Congress than it has in the past, and Congress must deliver. It must update its operating procedures and establish a strong operating party system with working and powerful party leaders who will be able to coordinate policy quickly if the need arises. The presidents of the future must be men who will encourage discussion and dissenting opinions without feeling threatened with a loss of power. Hopefully these ideals will be reflected at the polls this year and in subsequent election years.

[Brad Manson is a junior majoring in economics]

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go to the Rathskellar, chug six pitchers of Bud, and exit through the window.

Therefore, if an honest student wants to save his semester, he will have to defend himself. Campus Security provides no such service. So students will want to consider bringing along one of the following accessories to registration: a heavy umbrella, a pocket knife, a broken Pepsi bottle, mace, a handgun, a Doberman pinscher, two or three hand grenades, a flamethrower, one or two hired gangsters, a bazooka, a Patton tank, the Pennsylvania National Guard, etc.

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Hopes For Future Tourney Dimmed By GW Collapse

by Drew Trachtenberg
Sports Editor

The Colonials had to settle for the runner-up positions in two of their holiday tournaments, losing in the final round to Marshall in the Marshall Invitational and to cross-town rival American in the Presidential Classic.

Coach Carl Sloane, his dreams of a post-season tournament nearly shattered before they really had a chance to take shape, was evidently despondent and at a loss to explain the Buff's semi-collapse. "The blame can not be placed on any individuals. When you win it's a team effort; same thing goes for losing."

Sloane tried to minimize the loss of the team's high scorer Pat Tallent, who is sidelined for the remainder of the season after undergoing knee surgery. He noted that Keith Morris has moved in to pick up much of the burden caused by Tallent's absence, but he is not getting enough support, especially from the front-line frontcourters.

Recent games have shown Clyde Burwell occasionally forgetting to jump, Haviland Harper forgetting to rebound, and Greg Miller forgetting to shoot. The Colonials, who are taller than all of their opponents thusfar, were outrebounded in five of six tournament contests. Only against Lehigh, a team of intramural caliber, were the Colonials able to dominate the battle for board supremacy.

According to Sloane, the rebound-

ing has been the greatest disappointment. The failure of Harper, Miller, or any of the other frontcourters to fill the void left by the graduation of Mike Battle has grown increasingly evident because of the recent mysterious slump that Burwell is fighting.

Morris and his new backcourt partner, freshman John Holloran, have been the only bright spots and consistent performers in the Colonials recent outings. Morris has

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taken over the scoring leadership, averaging better than 18 points per game. Morris was the only Colonial to be named to all three All-Tournament squads.

In the Presidential Classic last weekend GW warmed up for their final round confrontation with American by walking over Lehigh, 80-44. The game was uneventful as the Colonials used a balanced scoring attack to demolish the Engineers, who have yet to win this season. Harper was the leading scorer for GW, coming off the bench with 17 points.

The following night's championship game against American had a different script, however. The Colonials battled the Eagles down to the wire before bowing, 62-60. GW

was again outrebounded, but lost the game by connecting on only 28 of their 84 shots. Holloran and Morris led the Colonial scoring attack with 16 points apiece.

In the Marshall Invitational Tournament the Buff jumped off to another auspicious beginning, looking like the top of the field by easily outclassing Texas A & M, 91-65. According to Sloane, this was the team's "best performance."

Against Marshall in the final round, GW fell behind early in the contest, rallied to within a point, behind the shooting of sophomore sub Charlie Rideout (14 points), only to falter over the last seven minutes, being outscored 19-3 in that stretch. The final score was 81-62.

This Saturday the Colonials seek revenge against American in their first afternoon game of the season. Clyde Burwell set a GW record by hauling down 33 rebounds against St. Gaine time is 2 p.m. for the varsity Mary's last month, but lately has not been a dominating figure under the and noon for the JV.

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